



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

*Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest*

"This camp is an amazing opportunity to learn about the outdoors with an amazing staff."

2017 Highlights

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp is always full of surprises. Not all fires are bad for the forest? Clearcutting can be beneficial? Foresters do more than plant trees? I can survive a week without a cell phone? The teens attending the 71st annual Forestry Camp had a week full of revelations and inspirations.

This year's 54 campers represented 33 Virginia counties and cities. Their core classes were Tree Identification; Forest Measurements and Mapping; Sustainable Forestry and Wildlife Management; Forest Ecology; Tree Improvement; Environmental Protection, and Reproducing the Forest. Other experiences included a field trip to the Rock Wood Products sawmill, exploratory classes, sports and a Lumberjack competition. Evening programs featured forestry career preparation, wildlife law enforcement, urban forestry and even a talent show. By week's end, the campers had attained not only new knowledge, skills and friends, but also an excellent introduction to diverse career fields in natural resources.



Post-camp evaluations indicated that campers learned a great deal about tree identification, sustainability and forest management. Many were surprised to learn about the diversity of careers in forestry. Tree measurement was the most challenging skill to master, but most found the class enjoyable because of its hands-on nature. On the whole, the campers enjoyed trying new things, especially in the company of so many new friends. The campers took home excellent resource materials, and the top 10 campers (as scored academically throughout the week) received awards of outdoor recreation supplies.

The Virginia Department of Forestry gratefully acknowledges the contributions and services of the many groups and individuals whose generous support makes Holiday Lake Forestry Camp possible. Donations to the scholarship program enable campers to attend at a minimal personal cost. The 51 staff members and presenters served as "in-kind" contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

Top 10 Campers:

- ☆ 1st – Sarah Graham, Lee Co.
- ☆ 2nd – John Paul Luvera, Spotsylvania Co.
- ☆ 3rd – Lisa Small, James City Co.
- ☆ 4th – Jessica Shi, James City Co.
- ☆ 5th – Sophia Liu, James City Co.
- ☆ 6th – Journey Cole, Spotsylvania Co.
- ☆ 7th – Tyler Smith, Dinwiddie Co.
- ☆ 8th – Joshua Luvera, Spotsylvania Co.
- ☆ 9th – Joseph White, Fairfax Co.
- ☆ 10th – Braeden Thompson, Portsmouth

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The Forestry Camp Experience...



Reproducing the Forest



Tree Measurements



Woodturning



Wildlife Techniques



Crosscut Saw Competition



Forest Ecology



Bowsaw Competition



Forest Firefighting



Tree Reproduction



Tree Planting



Forest Ecology



Arborist Demonstration



Tree Measurements

2017 CAMP STAFF

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“The teachers were engaging and taught us more complex topics than I had previously learned.”

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF

CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF

CAMP REGISTRATION

Jessica Carroll – VDOF

CAMP MEDIC

Sean Wood - 4-H Center staff
Kyle Manning – VDOF

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF

4-H CENTER LIAISON

Heather Benninghove – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

Tree Identification.....	All counselors
Environmental Protection	Trevor Simmons – VDOF
Reproducing the Forest	Justin Funk – VDOF
Forest Measurements	Matt Hall – VDOF
Mapping	Shannon Lewis – VDOF
Sustainable Forestry	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Wildlife Management.....	Katie Martin – VDGIF
Tree Improvement.....	Justin Funk – VDOF
Forest Ecology	Karen Snape – VDOF; Andrew Brown – Weyerhaeuser
Archery, Canoeing, Ropes, Stream Analysis	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Primitive Technologies.....	Al Lookofsky – Volunteer
Skeet Shooting.....	Art Kasson – Volunteer
Wilderness Survival	Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment.....	Adam Smith and others – VDOF
Wildlife Techniques	Katie Martin – VDGIF
Wood Turning.....	Lee Scarbrough and others – Richmond Woodturners

“I didn’t think I would like the core classes, but I did, because they were so interesting and interactive.”

Program Presenters

Forestry Career Preparation	John Gray Williams – Virginia Tech
.....	Billy Newman – Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Wildlife Issues in Virginia.....	Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
Conservation Police	Sgt. Sonny Nipper – VDGIF
Lumberjack Field Day	Rick and BJ Butler – VDOF
Sawmill Tour	Tyler Knarr, Luke Shenk and others – Rock Wood Products
Urban Forestry	Chris Fields-Johnson and others – Davey Tree Expert Co.

Counselors

J.D. Baker – VDOF	Jon Perry – VDOF
Mary Bigger – Matthews Co. Schools	Andy Schmitt – Buckingham Co. Schools
Jen Bowry – Powhatan Co. Schools	Trevor Simmons – VDOF
Justin Funk – VDOF	Karen Snape – VDOF
Hallie Harriman – VDOF	
Jordan Herring – VDOF	
Stephen Jasenak – VDOF	
Sarah Long – VDOF	
Matt Lynch – VDOF	
Kyle Manning – VDOF	
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC	

“I now understand the scope, size and importance of the forest industry to Virginia.”

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“It is good to get away from technology and go outside and talk to one another.”

Budget Summary

Income	
Business & Industry (12).....	\$1,785
Foundations, Associations & Organizations (11)	\$9,050
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (21)	\$6,000
Camper Registration Fees	\$4,590
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,425*

Expenses	
4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Support, Administrative)	\$17,866
Notebooks, T-shirts, Equipment, Supplies	\$1,192
Academic and Team Awards.....	\$349
Publicity.....	\$730
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$20,137*

* Funds remaining will be applied to 2018 camp expenses and equipment purchases.

Announcing 2018 Forestry Camp

The 2017 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 18-23. The camp is open to any Virginia girl or boy aged 13 to 16, who has an interest in natural resources and who has not attended before. The nomination process will begin in January. For more information, visit dof.virginia.gov/camp.

“The complexity of and interdependence between organisms in a forest was very surprising.”



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